

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

**My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.**

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## A Ball Valve.

the specification of which

(check one)             is attached hereto.

       was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
102 38 478.9	Germany	22/08/2002	X
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Mon/Year Filed)	___ Yes ___ No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patent, pend., abandon.)
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ASSIGNMENT

The ASSIGNORS    **Martin NOWAK, Rolf LAPPAN, Dirk HUNKEL, Peter HAUSHÄLTER**

have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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an invention which is fully described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by them this day; and

The ASSIGNEE, Pierburg GmbH, a German corporation having its principal office at Alfred-Pierburg-Strasse 1, 41460 Neuss, Germany, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

For valuable and legally sufficient considerations, receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignors sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the above-identified invention and application and for the full term of any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for the invention.

The Assignors also sell, assign and transfer to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and application for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including all rights under the International Convention. The Assignors further authorize Assignee to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in the name of Assignee, and to claim the priority of the filing date of the United States Application under the provisions of the International Convention.

The Assignors further agree, for themselves and their legal representatives, they will assist Assignee in the prosecution before the United States Patent Office and the Federal Courts of this application, and other applications for Letters Patent including renewals, continuations, divisions, reissues and substitutions, that the Assignee elects to make covering the invention. The Assignors vest in Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent. The Assignors will execute and deliver to Assignee any documents which may be requested by Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents of the United States is authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee. The Assignors also authorize and request the equivalent authorities in foreign countries to issue the patents of foreign countries to Assignee.

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